

## Move to Change Labor Act Perils Nation—NLRB

Board Warns Against Amendments As Undermining  
Basic Aims of Wagner Act; Denies 'One-Sided'  
Charges; Bares Violent Employers' Methods

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—Without mincing words, the National Labor Relations Board today warned against amendments which would undermine the basic principles of the Wagner Act.

The Board urged in "the interests of this country and its democratic institutions that these principles be not weakened or abandoned, but preserved and strengthened."

The Board declared that the majority of proposals contained in the amendments introduced by Senators David L. Walsh and Edward Burke as well as in other pending bills would "effectively nullify the rights of self-organization and collective bargaining."

Responding to a request for comment made several weeks ago by the Senate Labor Committee which is now holding hearings on the Act, the Board took its stand on the whole issue of amendments for the first time.

### DENIES CHARGES

It pointed to the facts and figures of its record to show that the charges of bias have been unfounded and that it has been scrupulously fair both to the A. F. of L. and to employers who have obeyed the law.

Prior to this formal report, members of the Board have been unwilling to express an opinion on the five sets of pending amendments as well as on the frequent complaints against their own conduct on the grounds that they are performing a semi-judicial function and thus should not engage in public controversy.

For this reason Board members have replied only rarely to their vociferous critics in the National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce and have kept publicity expenses below those of any other government agency of similar size.

After expressing its conviction that the basic principles of the Act should be preserved and strengthened, the Board said that "within these limits" it approached the question of amendments "with a wholly open mind" and that it welcomed "a full inquiry by this committee into the operations of the Act."

### ONLY 4 WORTH STUDY

Only four comparatively minor proposals of the scores contained in the pending bills were recommended by the Board as worthy of "further consideration."

If these four were found after study to be of real merit, the Board said, they could for the most part be achieved through administrative regulation without requiring legislative enactment.

"The remaining proposals in the bills before the committee, in our opinion, are definitely objectionable," the Board said. "Many are not only in conflict with the basic purposes of the Act but would, taken singly or in combination, effectively nullify the rights of self-organization and collective bargaining which the Act is designed to protect."

"Others, while not striking at the roots of the law, would drastically curtail the rights now guaranteed by the Act or substantially impair its effective administration."

The following proposals were suggested by the Board for study:

1. While stating that the "unlimited right" of employers to file petitions for elections would lead to

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## No Decision Yet On Jersey Firm's Labor Violations

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP).—Labor Department officials said tonight that no decision has been made on their future course of action regarding the Sigmund Eisner Company, Red Bank, N. J., which a Labor Department inspector charged with violation of the Walsh-Healey Act.

Company attorneys have filed a brief denying that it disobeyed labor and wage regulations stipulated in the act for holders of government contracts.

Officials said that a decision in the case probably would be made within a few days.

The Eisner Company holds government contracts for the manufacture of clothes.

## 250 Jobless Picket Barton Advertising Firm Offices

More than 250 dismissed WPA workers yesterday picketed the advertising firm of Barton, Barton, Durstine and Osborn, Inc., at 383 Madison Ave., shouting "Barton for Ex-Congressman."

Rep. Bruce Barton, New York City's only "economy" bloc adherent, is one of the owners of the rich advertising firm.

A committee of the workers sought to see the Republican Congressmen to question him on where they may find work, but were refused admittance. The answer appeared to be in several glasses of water that were spilled upon the demonstrators from the windows of the Barton firm offices following the picketing, when the employed were gathered in front of a speaker who addressed them.

## Pa. Coal Firm Keeps \$57,000 Due 1,400 Miners

PITTSBURGH, April 14 (UP).—Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corp. shut down because of the bituminous mining "holiday" today failed to pay an estimated \$57,000 in back wages to 1,400 miners who gathered at its three mines to collect their "life-saving" checks.

After miners had waited in line two hours at the Coveland, Horn and Mollemore mines, the company posted this notice: "The Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corp. regrettably is forced to announce its inability at this date to meet the payroll for the work period of March 16 to March 31, inclusive."

## Erickson Bares Officials In Graft Reported

Herlands Quizzes Gambler  
Linked to Probe of  
Geoghan Corruption

Frank Erickson, bookmaker and gambling king named in a racket probe of District Attorney William F. X. Geoghan's office and the Brooklyn County Court, was assumed to have offered important testimony in unmasking unnamed high officials in corruption charges when he appeared voluntarily yesterday at the office of Commissioner of Investigation William B. Herlands where he was examined under oath for four hours.

The fact that the gambler, whom Mayor LaGuardia ordered arrested on sight, was not taken into custody gave rise to the belief that Erickson had agreed to act as a witness against officials alleged to have taken bribes from him.

Lieutenant Martin A. Cannon, former chief of detectives in Geoghan's office, was suspended from the service last week on orders of the Mayor on charges he had accepted payments totaling \$1,050.05 from Erickson.

Erickson walked into Mr. Herlands' office accompanied by his attorney, George Morton Levy, at 1:30 P. M. He was examined under oath until 5:30.

### CLOSELY WATCHED

While he was being quizzed a squad of more than twenty detectives, under command of Lieutenant Harry V. Hanley, appeared at the Department of Investigation headquarters.

When Erickson left the office, to which he has been summoned to appear again on Monday at 2 P. M. for further examination, the detectives melted out of sight.

It was understood the gambler

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## 3 Die In Gunfight On Hearst's Mexican Ranch

MEXICO CITY, April 14 (UP).—Two cattle rustlers and an official of the Chihuahua state police were killed today in a gun battle fought on the huge Babicora ranch owned by William Randolph Hearst, reports received here said.

The Hearst ranch spreads over nearly a million acres and is located about 160 miles southwest of Juarez.

The United States Consulate General here said two unidentified American citizens were in the wreck but that neither was hurt.

Survivors reaching here related the horrors experienced when the locomotive of the Guadalupe train telescoped the rear pullman on the express, which had halted because of a faulty airbrake.

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### Drop WPA Graft Case

SANTA FE, N. M., April 14 (UP).—Nine men, among them the son-in-law of U. S. Senator Dennis Chavez, D. N. M., were acquitted today by a Federal court jury of charges that they conspired to use WPA funds for political purposes.

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## Penalty Clause Must Be Out, Says Lewis

Fining Method Modern  
Version of Whip  
Lash, He Says

By George Morris

John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, last night told the bituminous coal operators in "cold turkey" that no contract will be signed which retains a penalty clause making the operator sole judge if his employees violated a contract and thereby subject to a check.

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## Goering in Rome For Secret Talk With War Chiefs

No. 2 Nazi Will Confer With Mussolini and Ciano As War Drills Go On In Streets; To Take Plans Back to Berlin

ROME, April 14 (UP).—Field Marshal Goering, No. 2 Nazi, arrived here tonight resplendent in a white summer uniform for important conferences with Mussolini; King Victor Emmanuel and Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano. Two hours after Goering arrived, on the stroke of 10 P.M., Rome was plunged into darkness, sirens shrieked, anti-aircraft and machine guns crackled and blaring loudspeakers warned citizens of an anti-air raid "black-out" test.

Goering was met at the station by Ciano and a guard of honor of Italian aviators.

The King will receive Goering at Quirinal Palace at noon tomorrow, the Queen simultaneously receiving Mrs. Goering. Mussolini and Goering will meet in the afternoon at Venice Palace. Ciano probably will attend this meeting, otherwise Goering will visit him later at Chigi Palace.

The Goerings were scheduled to depart Monday morning, probably going direct to Berlin.

Just a few hours before Goering arrived an official communiqué issued after a meeting of the Council of Ministers announced that the Italian King had taken the Albanian crown and will be represented by a lieutenant general who will reside in Tirana.

## London, Paris Hail F.D.R.'s Defense Talk

New Dealers Cheer, Isolationists Complain Against Talk

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was denounced by Nazi leaders. The propaganda ministry spokesman told the United Press:

"What else can you expect from the man who is father of the 'encirclement' policy, as stated by two United States journalists, Drew Pearson and Robert Allen (authors of Washington Merry Go Round)? When Roosevelt said the United States would aid any Latin American country which was threatened economically he obviously referred to Germany."

NEW DEALERS CHEER, ISOLATIONISTS COMPLAIN

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP).—Congressional comment on President Roosevelt's Pan American day address tonight magnified the sharp division over this Nation's foreign policy arising from administration attempts to revise present neutrality legislation.

Among those commenting favorably on Mr. Roosevelt's address today were Sens. Claude A. Pepper, D. Fla., and Homer T. Bone, D. Wash.

As the senate foreign relations committee continued its neutrality hearings, Sen. Robert R. Reynolds, D. N. C. Member of the group, charged that Mr. Roosevelt is "meddling" in the domestic affairs of other nations.

Like other isolationists, Reynolds centered his criticism on the President's remark that the world's best hope for peace lies in the possibility that "our sister nations beyond the seas will break the bonds of ideas which constrain them to perpetual warfare."

Similar views were taken by Rep. Hamilton Fish, R. N. Y., and Rep. John M. Vorys, R. O., but veteran spokesmen such as Sens. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R. Mich., and William E. Borah, R. Ida., had no comment.

On another front the State Department defended the Byrnes proposal to barter surplus American cotton and wheat for strategic war materials produced by Great Britain, Holland and Belgium, asserting the plan would not interfere with normal commercial transactions.

From another quarter came the announcement that "the conference of one hundred" will assemble tomorrow at a conference called by the American Union for Conciliated Peace efforts to discuss neutrality law changes that would make impossible American "economic participation" in aggression.

## Leading Soviet Concert Artists To Tour U. S.

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) MOSCOW, April 14.—Seven outstanding young Soviet concert musicians will tour the United States in connection with the New York World's Fair, it was announced today.

Violinists David Oistrakh, Liza Gilels and Marina Kozolupova, pianists Emil Gilels, Jacob Fries and Lev Oborin, and cellist Danya Shafrazi, all winners of prizes in Soviet and international competitions, will participate in the tour.

The Committee on Arts of the Council of People's Commissars of the U.S.S.R. is sponsoring the tour.

## German C.P. Greets U.S. Party; Hails Progress

Berne Conference Sends Greetings to Browder, Foster and Ford

The following letter, addressed to the Communist Party of the United States, was received by Communist Party national headquarters in New York yesterday:

"The Conference of the Communist Party of Germany, held at the beginning of February in Berne, Switzerland, sends to you, the Communist Party of the United States of America, and to its leaders, Comrades Foster, Browder and Ford, most fraternal greetings.

"The German people follow with greatest interest the struggle of your Party for peace and democracy. Contrary to the slanders of the Nazi leaders, the masses of the German people are enthusiastic about the tremendous movement of the American people against the Berlin-Rome-Tokio fascist war triangle. They consider this movement as an outstanding support of their struggle for peace, liberty and freedom.

"The working class and the progressive people in the United States should know that the anti-fascist movement in Germany is growing. It has grown especially during the September days (the Munich crisis), despite the aid given to Hitler by Chamberlain and the French reactionaries.

"Our Party has been able to make some successes in establishing the united front of the German working class and in organizing its own ranks. The solidarity help given by our dear Comrades has facilitated the hard struggle of our Party against Hitler fascism.

"Long live the Communist Party of the United States, which fights in alliance with all progressive forces for a mighty American bulwark of peace, liberty and democracy!

"Long live unity of action and solidarity of the international working class!

"Long live the alliances of all progressive people against cruel and disgraceful fascism!

"The Conference of the Communist Party of Germany held in Berne, Switzerland.

"(Signed) Paul Merker, February, 1939."

## Profit Group Seeks Change In Act-Wagner

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would have completed these "preparations" at various points: 38,000 troops in East Prussia, 72,000 in the Polish northeastern border, 220,000 on the Polish southeastern border, 350,000 on the Dutch frontier and 430,000 on the western frontier opposite the Maginot Line. The newspaper added that Germany has 100,000 Reichswehr troops in Italy and 38,000 in Italian Libya.

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## Paris Bolsters Defense Along Spain Border

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## Japanese Shoot Down Civilian Plane In China

CHUNKing, April 14 (UP).—The Chinese air Service reported today that three Japanese planes yesterday shot down a Junkers passenger plane of the Chinese-German Eurasia Aviation Corp. Near Laotzi on the border of Indo-China.

The German Pilot, Roger Raige, was reported to have landed his plane safely despite the fact a Japanese machine gun bullet had grazed his forehead. The passengers and co-pilot were reported not injured.

It was believed the Japanese planes were part of squadrons which bombed the Chinese aviation at Mengtze, Yunnan province.

## Poland Prepares To Clear Areas Menaced by War

WARSAW, April 14 (UP).—The official gazette today published a law providing for evacuation of frontier regions in case of mobilization for war.

Military authorities are to specify the areas and list articles and persons to be removed. The population may take food and livestock but the state, according to the law, may have a great deal of experience in caring for children. During the evacuation from Spain into France,

## Soviet World's Fair Dinner



COLLABORATION between the Soviet Union and the United States is essential for the preservation of world peace, Constantine Oumansky, Charge d'affaires of the U.S.S.R., stressed Thursday night at a dinner for the Soviet Fair architects. With Oumansky in the photo are Stephen F. Voorhees, chairman of the Board of Design of the Fair, and Edward C. Carter, secretary-general of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

—Daily Worker Staff Photo

## Lincoln Vets Held In France Are Penniless

### Urgent Plea Is Made to Supply Boys With Necessities

One hundred and twenty veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, now in Le Havre, have gone without cigarettes and pocket money for two weeks, the Friends of the Lincoln Brigade learned by cable yesterday (Thursday).

It costs the Friends \$2,000 a week to maintain the men, most of whom are foreign-born Americans who must wait weeks and months until the immigration red-tape is cut and they are allowed to re-enter the United States.

"Impoverished we have \$2,000 immediately to pay all bills," the cable from Peter Rhodes, Paris representative of the Friends declared. "Two thousand received over week-end cleared most debts but men in Havre have been without pocket money, smokes for two weeks. Main tenance bill again unpaid."

An appeal to all people who have in the past two years financially supported the veterans was issued by Lieut. Col. John Gates, executive secretary of the Friends. The address of the Friends is 125 West 45th St., New York City.

## British-Colonial Defense Meeting For Pacific Opens

WELLINGTON, N. Z., April 14 (UP).—Governor-General Viscount Galway opened today the conference for imperial defense in the Pacific, which will consider in a week-long series of private meetings problems of common British-Colonial concern in the Pacific, with particular stress on defense.

Prime Minister Michael J. Savage was chairman of the conference, which met in the Parliament House. Britain was represented by Sir Harry Batterbee, High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, and representatives of the army and navy air forces.

Another group of proposed amendments to make drastic changes in administrative procedure of the National Labor Relations Board, he said, "would break down the traditional balance between administrative agencies and reviewing courts."

"All fair employers in America," he said, "should realize that they have long been unwilling victims of a reactionary minority, which has forced strife upon industry by refusing to accept the principles of peace. I therefore appeal to every employer in America, who wants to remain at peace, to look long and searchingly at every proposal to change the act which has helped so much to bring him peace."

### Negro History Talk

TOMORROW night there will be a forum at 44 Avenue C (between 3rd and 4th Streets). Irving Cress, Literature Director N. Y. State Committee, Communist Party, will speak on the topic: "The History of the American Negroes."

The forum will start at 8:30 P.M.

### Submarines In Soviet Fleet Install Movies

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) MOSCOW, April 4—Narrow-film sound movie projectors have been installed on Red Navy submarines of the Baltic and Black Sea fleets and underwater showings of popular films have already been given.

By the end of the year, these projectors will have been installed in a majority of Red submarines.

### Arms via Highway

SHANGHAI, April 14 (ICN).—Since April 1st, all military equipment coming from abroad has been transported to the interior of China via the Burma-Yunnan and Annam-Kwangshu highways. During the past few days, 200 heavy field guns, 1,000 machine guns and 300 military trucks were delivered to China.

Although the workers get more

pay for the ninth and tenth work hours on this basis, reports come in from most of the Berlin factories that production has not increased in spite of the longer work day. Slow down strikes have become prevalent.

### DESCRIBES FLIGHT

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### Leader of Spanish Refugee Child Colony Tells of Plight of Youth

Mrs. Odgers handled the transportation of the children, aided by Mr. Muggridge. More than 1,000 children were rescued from war torn areas.

In a letter to the Foster Parents' Plan, accepting the appointment, Miss Odgers described the plight of the children now in French concentration camps.

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### Back to Tin Cans

BERLIN, April 14 (UP).—The

Reich music chamber today ordered

that all music which "stands in

contradiction to the National Socialist

will to Kultur" be listed as "un-

desirable and damaging."

The Chamber's president will

make the final decisions,

## Mme. Chiang Spurs China Aid Drive In America

### Tells of Appreciation for Church Group Drive in Letter to Head

A letter from Madame Chiang Kai-shek to Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, director of the Church Committee for China Relief, with national headquarters at 105 East 22nd Street, New York, and Far Eastern Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of Boston, was made public here yesterday at the national headquarters of the Church Committee and also by Dr. Fairfield at a meeting of the Prudential Committee of the American Board in Boston.

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# NLRB Raps Revision Of Wagner Act as Peril To Democracy

359-Page Report Condemns Walsh Amendments Backed By Green; Sees Threat to Trade Unions; Denies 'One-Side' Charge

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"possible serious abuse," the Board said that "study should be given to the feasibility of granting the right of petition subject to specific safeguards."

2. Although disagreeing with the various amendments now pending on the question of determining the appropriate bargaining unit, the Board suggested that the Labor Committee study whether it is "practically feasible" to devise legislation which will define the proper unit for collective bargaining."

3. The Board denounced proposals taking away the power of the Board to set aside contracts as "not only inadvisable but destructive of the basic principles of the act." At the same time the Board suggested that the question of giving notice when contracts are invalidated and permitting all parties involved to take part in hearings be given further consideration.

4. The Board said that the committee should consider setting a 10-day minimum before hearings on complaints may be held instead of the present five-day minimum. Pending proposals are for 15 to 20-day minimums.

The Board reserved its strongest criticism for the various changes that the Act is "unfair" to employers and should be "equalized." These proposals are contained primarily in the Burke amendments which are sponsored directly by the N. A. M., and other big business groups, but the Walsh amendments which are backed by President William Green of the A. F. of L., also would give the employer "freedom of expression" and power to petition for elections.

#### HITS BURKE, WALSH ACTS

Getting down to specific demands the Board was unsparing of the provisions in both the Burke and Walsh amendments to give employers "freedom of expression" in advising workers on union issues. Referring to the Walsh version of this proposal, the Board said:

"These proposals would give the employer freedom to interfere with self-organization and collective bargaining, though ostensibly aiming to prevent some of the worse abuses of such interference."

#### BARE BOSS METHODS

"These rights of employers were neither questioned by the law nor challenged by labor. In the second place, the employer possessed highly effective methods, none forbidden by the law, for destroying organization among his employees. Discharge, blacklisting, espionage, yellow-dog contracts, company unions, were but a few of the weapons available to him for such purposes."

"And thirdly the employer's business and property were affirmatively protected against interference from his employees by the whole structure of the criminal law and the local police force, as well as by the labor injunction."

The employee, on the other hand, had the bare legal right of self-organization and nothing more. Concededly helpless as an individual, he found collective action readily thwarted in practice by the economic superiority of his employer. And he found little assistance in protecting his job and the standards under which he worked, in police regulation or the injunctive process.

#### PURPOSE OF ACT

"The purpose of the Act was to relieve, at least in part, this glaring inequality. It did so forbidding the employer to use his economic power to interfere with and destroy the right of self-organization of his employees. The Act thus merely places employer and employee upon a plane of equality in one limited respect—freedom in law and in practice to organize for collective action.

"None of the other legal rights of employer were taken from him: The right of collective action by employers and the right to protection in his business through police regulation and the injunction were unaffected by the act. Since the Act thus merely restores a partial equality, where great impartiality existed before, it is difficult to see how it can be termed 'one-sided.'

"Furthermore, the Act accomplishes its purpose in the mildest possible way," the Board said. "Unlike the Railway Labor Act no criminal penalty attaches to violation of the Act."

#### BELIES 'ONE-SIDEDNESS'

"It is true that the Act imposes obligations only upon employers, rather than employees," the Board continued. "But to attribute 'one-sidedness' to the Act for that reason is patently superficial and unrealistic. The inequality which the Act sought to remedy grew out of employer interference with the self-organization of employees. Congress found no corresponding threat by employees to the self-organization of employees."

"After disposing of the charge that it is 'unfair' to employers, the Law

## Death Watch' Set Up Before Whalen Office

### 24-Hr. Picket Line Hits World Fair Bias On Negro Employment

The Greater New York Coordinating Committee for Employment organized its first 24-hour picket line Thursday, when an average of 25 Negro and white persons, bearing placards with slogans denouncing discrimination in the employment of Negroes at the New York World's Fair, marched all night in front of the Empire State Building, 360 Fifth Ave., where Grover Whalen, president of the Fair Corporation, has offices.

Passersby were almost unanimous in their expressions of sympathy with the pickets, many persons stopping to ask questions and read the slogans. Some of the slogans read: "The American Labor Party Condemns Racial Discrimination By the World's Fair Corporation"; "We Buy Goods—We Want Jobs"; "Mr. Whalen, Make the World's Fair Fair to Negroes."

#### GROUPS BACK PICKETS

Organizations represented in the all-night picket line were the Consolidated Tenants League, the Harlem Big Brothers Association, Lafayette Theatre, Modern Trend (YMCA youth body), Tryloneers Social and Civic Club, Federal Writers Project, Welders Club, Dunbar Housewives League, Visiting Teachers League, League of American Writers, Harlem Cultural Conference and the Frederick Douglass Society of City College.

At nearly three o'clock Friday morning a group of players from Mamba's Daughters joined the pickets.

Mrs. Audley Moore, Dr. Chester Chimes and Ellis Williams were in charge of the pickets, who, according to the unsolicited testimony of police on duty, were well-disciplined and law-abiding.

At the end of the 24-hour stretch the Coordinating Committee again set in motion its regular two-hour daily picket lines, one at each of the three entrances to the building. Picketing will continue, the committee declares, until Whalen alters his policy of job discrimination.

## YCL Flying Squadrons Set To Spur Parley

### To Visit CP Meetings April 18, 25 With Invitations

Flying squadrons of Young Communist League members will visit Communist Party branch meetings on April 18 and April 25 with special invitations to the opening of the Ninth National YCL convention in Madison-Square Garden, Thursday, May 11.

The purpose of the visits, according to John Little, executive secretary, N. Y. State YCL, is to acquaint the Party membership with the aims, program and scope of the forthcoming convention.

More than 1,000 delegates are expected to attend the convention, the slogan of which is "Reshaping the World of Today: Building the World of Tomorrow."

Special seat prices have been arranged for Party members attending the opening session at the Garden. These are 65 cents and \$1.10.

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## Three Convicted In Fraud Give Up In Federal Court

Three former officers of the State Title and Mortgage Company, convicted more than a year ago on charges of mail fraud and the sale of \$70,000 worth of mortgage certificates, surrendered in Federal Court today to serve their sentences.

They are John Dillard, president, sentenced to 18 months; Edmund J. Donegan, vice-president and treasurer, sentenced to a year and a day, and Max N. Koven, vice-president, sentenced to a year and a day.

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### Boston Pin Boys Go On Strike for Raise

BOSTON, April 14 (UP)—The pin-boys went on strike today, over 500 of them, picketed nearly 100 Boston alleys affiliated with the New England Bowling Association. Members of the Alley and Pin Boys Local of the Building Service Workers International, they struck yesterday for a cent-a-string pay increase.

## Operators Threaten Coal Famine



**MAYOR LAGUARDIA CONFERS** with John L. Lewis during negotiations between United Mine Workers and the bituminous coal operators which have been deadlocked by the die-hard attitude of the operators. The Mayor indicated that the owners' intransigence threatened New York City with a coal famine.

## Launch Drive To Organize Western Union

### Demonstration Shows Danger to Jobs in Machine Set-up

Beginning a concerted drive to organize the workers of Western Union into the American Communications Association, CIO, union representatives yesterday conducted a picket line and meeting in front of the Western Union building 160 West Broadway, eliciting the sympathetic participation of more than 200 workers.

The picket line began at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and culminated in the street meeting, at which representatives of the ACA and other CIO unions presented the threat to the Western Union workers in the projected "merger and mechanization" of the telegraph industry.

In the picket line a coffin was carried marked "Death of 20,000 Phone Jobs."

Stress was laid upon the similar threat to the jobs of all teletype operators.

Speakers who addressed the street meeting were Joe Kehoe, national director of the Western Union Organizing Committee of the American Communications Association, Mike Clune, member of the International Executive Board of the Transport Workers Union, John Stanley, of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, Phil Sals, of the American Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians and Rose Fishgold, member of the executive board of the Western Union Local 36-B, ACA.

The purpose of the visits, according to John Little, executive secretary, N. Y. State YCL, is to acquaint the Party membership with the aims, program and scope of the forthcoming convention.

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## Express Hope for New Method for Treating Cancer

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP)—The government-sponsored National Cancer Institute today reported "much encouragement" in the treatment of cancer as a result of experiments with a cyclotron at the University of California.

The cyclotron is a machine recently developed for producing tremendously high electric voltages.

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## Precedent Set In CIO Victory In Hearns Case

### Wins Arbitration On Religious Holiday Pay Issue

In the first decision of its kind handed down in the Department Stores Field, all employees at the Hearns' 14th Street and Bronx Stores, will be granted two days off for religious purposes, in an arbitration award granted today.

The award came as a result of an adjustment of contract between the Department Stores Employees Union, Local 1250, CIO, affiliated with the United Retail and Wholesale Employees of America, and the Hearns Department Stores, Inc.

Representing the union at the arbitration were Clara Michelson, president; Oscar Grauer, vice-president; George Melster, secretary-treasurer and a committee from the store. Representing the management, were Sidney M. Louis, vice-president, and treasurer; Arthur B. Begam, store manager and C. H. Smith, personnel director.

Also granted in the award was

reduction from a 45-hour, six day week to a 37½ hour, five-day week for the summer months of July and August. Vacations with pay will continue with additional safeguards which will increase the number of employees entitled to

vacations.

The award further provides for

adjustments affecting various de-

partments in the stores and also

stipulates that the minimum wage

for permanent employees shall be

\$17 per week for non-selling em-

ployees, and \$17 per week with a

guaranteed \$1 per week commission

for selling employees. Seasonal or

temporary employees may be em-

ployed at a minimum of \$16 per

week for the first 90 days after

which time they shall receive the

regular minimum wage.

## Fired As Alien, Negro Gets Job Back On WPA

**SCHENECTADY ALIANCE** Wins Fight; Worker Born In Virginia

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., April 14.

James Bleakley, Negro, fired from the W. P. A. on March 21 as an "alien" was reinstated this week after the Workers Alliance broke through the reactionary resistance and exposed the false claim of the relief officials. Bleakley was born in Virginia.

Chafing that the reason for dismissal was Bleakley's refusal to support the Republican ticket in the last election and his influence over the Negro people in the city, Fred Greenwood, Alliance President said that the firing "was an effort on the part of the anti-WPA, reactionary politicians in this city to use Bleakley as a sword against Negro efforts to unite with progressive whites against the Republican Party." Greenwood further charged "crass discrimination" and a "shocking callousness to honest investigation by relief officials."

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PORTLAND, Ore., April 14 (UP).

State police, ordered to "shoot to kill" patrolled Oregon highways tonight while authorities of Washington, Idaho and California cooperated in a hunt for three young desperados, one seriously wounded, and their three gun "molls."

An automobile believed used by the bandits when they fled suburban Sylvan after terrorizing five persons whom they had held prisoner five hours, was found abandoned near Portland.

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# U. S. Is Ready for Defense, F. D. R. Warns Dictators

America Will Stand By Neighbors and For World Peace, President Declares In Declaration To Fascist Bloc

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based on force-politics, or the abrogation of the underlying principle of justice, tolerance, and law."

The new world structure, Hull continued, is not based on vast armaments or the "balance of power" seemingly so important in the European scheme. Like Mr. Roosevelt, he emphasized that the reigning peace in the Western Hemisphere reflects no weakness, but rather a potent and constructive force.

## BROADCAST TO WORLD

"The devotion of this Hemisphere is to an organization grounded on juridical equality of all nations," Hull said, "on respect for sovereignty of each, and on an understanding so complete that every question can be dealt with by reason and peaceful discussion. This is the free choice of all of us; a true choice, since other alternatives are open."

Mr. Roosevelt's remarks, broadcast throughout the world in six languages, stressed the right of the new world to criticize and oppose dictatorial rule and aspirations wherever they are manifested and he rejected forcefully the contention of totalitarian leaders and congressional isolationists that European affairs are "none of our business."

The American family of nations

## Erickson Bares Officials In Graft Reported

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was ordered to be closely watched and that the detectives were assigned to follow him.

Mayor LaGuardia, questioned about Erickson earlier in the day at his special office at Central Park, said:

"The mere fact that he is talking to a city official tells the story. We'll see how much help he wants to give to law enforcement agencies."

When it was pointed out that the gambler came to the city from Florida, the Mayor added:

"I think he ought to go back to Florida. We don't want the bum here at all or other punks like him."

Reporters then rushed from the Arsenal downtown to Mr. Herlands' office where it was believed Erickson would be placed under arrest.

Mr. Herlands looked pleased, but had little to say. He said that Erickson had not been arrested and would not explain the reason for the presence of the large detective detachment.

"Frank A. Erickson has been examined under oath," he said. "The hearing is adjourned until 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at which time the hearing will be resumed. Until the examination is completed it would be improper to make any further comment."

Asked if he had questioned Erickson about alleged connections with King County Judge George W. Martin, now under indictment by Special Prosecutor John Harlan Amen, Mr. Herlands said: "No comment."

Present in Mr. Herlands' office aiding him during the investigation were Police Inspectors Charles P. Mooney and Michael P. McDermott.

Milton D. Lifset, assistant district attorney on Mr. Amen's staff, was present as an observer.

Mr. Herlands was assisted by John M. McCloskey, his legal assistant. A transcript of the Erickson testimony is expected to be submitted to Prosecutor Amen.

## Dies Committee Hit By Women's College Ass'n.

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP)—The American Association of University Women asserted today that the House Committee Investigating Un-American Activities used undemocratic methods in its inquiry into activities of "Communist, fascist and Nazi groups in the United States."

In a letter to Committee Chairman Martin Dies, D. Tex., the association said that continuation of such procedure in its future work "would go far to nullify civil liberties and would be destructive to that democracy for which we all care."

## Honor Doran Today

In tribute to the memory of Dave Doran, heroic Major of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, who was killed by the Fascists in Spain, just one year ago the Honor Society which bears his name, is inviting its membership to a tea at the Keynote Club, 201 W. 52nd St. today, at 2 o'clock.

The Communist Party has issued

## TEXT OF ROOSEVELT'S PAN-AMERICAN DAY ADDRESS

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP)—The text of President Roosevelt's Pan-American day address:

The American family of nations pay honor today to the oldest and most successful association of sovereign governments which exists in the world.

Few of us realize that the Pan-American organization as we know it has now attained a longer history and a greater catalogue of achievements than any similar group known to modern history.

Justly we can be proud of it. With even more right we can look to it as a symbol of great hope at a time when much of the world finds hope dim and difficult. Never was it more fitting to salute Pan-American day than in the stormy present.

For upwards of half a century the republics of the western world have been working together to promote their common civilization under a system of peace. That venture, launched so hopefully fifty years ago, has succeeded; the American family is today a great cooperative group facing a troubled world in serenity and calm.

This success of the Western Hemisphere is sometimes attributed to good fortune. I do not share that view. There are not wanting here all of the usual rivalries, all of the normal human desires for power and expansion, all of the commercial problems. The Americas are sufficiently rich to have been themselves the object of desire on the part of overseas governments; our traditions in history are as deeply rooted in the old world as are those of Europe.

It was not accident that prevented South America, and our own west, from sharing the fate of other great areas of the world in the nineteenth century. We have here diversities of race, of language, of custom, of natural resources, and of intellectual force at least as great as those which prevailed in Europe.

What it is that has protected us from the tragic involvements which are today making the Old World a new cockpit of old struggles? The answer is easily found. A new and powerful ideal—that of the community of nations—sprang up at the same time that the Americas became free and independent. It was nurtured by statesmen, thinkers and plain people for decades. Gradually it brought together the Pan-American group of governments; today it has fused the thinking of the peoples, and the desires of their responsible representatives toward a common objective.

The result of this thinking has been to shape a typically American institution. This is the Pan-American group, which works in open conference, by open agreement. We hold our conferences not as a result of wars, but as the result of our will to peace.

Measure of this kind taken in this hemisphere are taken as guarantees, not of war but of peace, for the simple reason that no nation on this hemisphere has any will to aggression, or any desire to establish dominance or mastery," he said.

If the process of consultation can be successful in the new world, it is "too much to hope that a similar intellectual and spiritual process may succeed elsewhere," he said.

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## Office Union Opens Organization Drive

More Than 5,000 Jam Meeting In Manhattan Center to Hear Thomas, Quill, Heywood and Merrill; Lewis Sends Greetings to Gathering.

Launching a drive to organize the office workers under the banner of the CIO, and shattering the recent press publicity that there is disunity in their ranks, more than 5,000 members of the United Office and Professional Workers attended a membership meeting at Manhattan Center Thursday night, while 1,000 others were unable to crowd in.

The doors of the jammed ballroom were shut at 8:30 when every available seat was taken.

The meeting was addressed by R. J. Thomas, President of the United Automobile Workers; Allan S. Heywood, President of the State Industrial Union Council; Lewis Merrill, International President of the office union and Michael J. Quill, Councilman and President of the Transport Workers Union.

### LEWIS SENDS GREETINGS

Among the telegrams of greetings to the meeting there was a message from John L. Lewis, CIO head, who wired that "the CIO has great confidence" in the union of 45,000 in 59 cities. "It believes that you have the capability of bringing the office and professional workers of the country the benefits of collective bargaining."

"Your international union has already demonstrated that it has the capacity to do the job," Lewis wired.

One of the high points at the meeting was the demonstration that greeted the suggestion of Merrill that the members of the locals in the Joint Council of the Office union, undertake to recruit 5,000 new members within the next three months.

Another demonstration came during Merrill's speech when he referred to the victory of Insurance Agents' Local 30, whose fight for collective bargaining with the Metropolitan was upheld by the State Supreme Court. When he reported of the unity that has been retained in that local despite disruptive efforts there, several hundred insurance agents, carrying banners, marched out through aisle to the cheers of the audience.

### DISRUPTORS DENOUNCED

Merrill reported of the union's progress nationally. He denounced sharply the tactics of the handful of disruptors, of some employees in offices of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and a collection of Trotzkites, Lovestoneites and some Socialists who recently left the union's ranks. An organization drive will be the best answer to the much-publicized campaign aiming to split the union, he said.

Haywood assured the office workers that the disruptors were good riddance. The union will now be able to make far more rapid headway.

Thomas likened the collection of disruptors that had just been separated from the office union to the group that supported ousted Homer Martin in his union.

The mass meeting adopted a resolution unanimously opposing any amendments to the Wagner Labor Relations Act.



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## Health Group Issues Report On Vital Needs

### Health Ass'n Reports on Vital Medical Plans In Year's Program

Pointing out that there are only 24 hospital beds available for convalescent cardiac children in New York City the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association yesterday declared that correction of this deficit would be one of the activities of this year's program.

In a report for the year's activities Ogden Woodruff, president of the Association, announced that eleven thousand requests for guidance in health problems had been received by the Personal Information Service of the Association last year.

Additional hospitals for the tuberculous, especially in Upper Manhattan, were listed among the leading objectives of the present campaign.

### FORM SYPHILIS CLINICS

The Association reported that a socio hygiene study resulted in the formation of an Association of Syphilis Clinics for the improvement and standardization of treatment given patients in venereal disease clinics.

The Association, which conducts a public health program for the heart diseases, reported that its activities in this field included efforts for the maintenance of high standards of service in cardiac clinics, research into the natural history of the diseases of the heart, and preparation of a fourth edition of the "Criteria for the Classification and Diagnosis of Heart Disease," a book nationally used by physicians and medical students.

In the field of dental care, the report stated, arrangements were made for the treatment of underprivileged children, mostly of high school age, for whom no public dental services were available.

The major part of the Association's health education program in Manhattan, it was reported, was conducted in health centers in cooperation with the Department of Health. A study entitled "The Present Trend in Case Fatality Rates in Tuberculosis," prepared by the Association's statistician, was accorded international attention because of its bearing upon the modern treatment of tuberculosis.

"We earnestly appeal to you to have delegates who can voice the sentiment of your organization present at this meeting. Support must be given.

"Do not forget the date . . . Thursday, April 20, 8 P.M. at the Transport Workers Hall, 153 W. 64th St., N. Y. C."

The call was signed by Allan S. Haywood, President and Gustave A. Stachels, secretary-treasurer.

### RACE BIAS AT FAIR IS FORUM TOPIC FOR TUESDAY

The question, "Is the World's Fair fair to the Negro People?" will be discussed by Manny Dennis at a forum conducted under the auspices of the Abraham Lincoln Club at its headquarters, 221 West 116th St. on Tuesday night.

The discriminatory practices on the part of the officials of the World's Fair will be aired by Mr. Dennis, who has made a study of this subject.

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### The Tories Plot For the Coming Year

The Tories in the Senate are plotting an underhanded piece of strategy in order to kill WPA by next year.

Their plan calls for rushing the Byrnes Public Works Bill (S. 1265) to a vote before the relief appropriation for 1940 comes up. For the Byrnes Bill would practically destroy WPA under the guise of coordinating all relief. If the bill is passed, irreparable damage would be done. And the new appropriation would come too late to be of much use.

It is true that the relief setup does need revision, coordination and—above all—expansion. But the main problem is another appropriation to stop the 700,000 lay-offs this year (Rep. Coffey has just introduced a bill to restore the \$50,000,000 slashed by the Tories) and an adequate appropriation for the coming year. It is to consider these problems, which weigh heavily upon the conscience of the entire country, that the Workers Alliance has called a national Right to Work Congress in Washington on May 27.

As for the problem of revising and coordinating the works program, this is an important matter but not one that can be disposed of hastily. It requires the most careful consideration and, above all, the approval of organized labor and of the unemployed. Probably Senator Wagner's proposal to revive the Federal Employment Stabilization Board as a long-range planning agency, is the best move for the present.

Meanwhile, the job of the moment is to kill the Byrnes Bill and to provide adequate appropriations for this and the coming year.

### Guilty!

Through all the ominous warnings of a coal shortage, one fact stands out so that no one can miss it: the criminal responsibility of the coal operators.

On March 16, the miners, under the leadership of John L. Lewis, foresaw the possibility that discussions on the new contract might not be concluded by March 31. To prevent any interference with the production of coal, therefore, the miners submitted the following resolution to the joint conference of miners and operators:

"In order to allay any public apprehension concerning possibility of a suspension of mining operations in the bituminous coal industry due to expiration of existing wage agreements, this joint conference resolves that in the event no agreement is reached by March 31, 1939, that work in the industry shall be continued under the existing wages, conditions and contracts, pending continuance of negotiations and ultimate success or failure to agree on a new contract."

The resolution was rejected by the operators. By their refusal to permit the old contract to continue for a while, by their deliberate lockout of the miners on April 1 and by their unwillingness now to yield a fraction of an inch, the coal operators stand convicted of industrial sabotage before the bar of public opinion.

### The Mayor's Budget

Despite serious inadequacies, Mayor LaGuardia's executive budget represents a constructive effort to meet the needs of the people. One could gather as much from the budget hearing last Wednesday when the misnamed Citizens (it ought to be called Bankers!) Budget Commission proposed a further and even more disastrous cut in social services to the tune of \$7,125,068.

The Mayor's recommendations and cuts in regard to the abolition of useless jobs are progressive and highly commendable: Likewise with his proposed savings on salaries over \$5,000 a year. But it is utterly impossible to justify and support the costly "savings" made in social services.

Such "economy" will amount to the greatest extravagance, since it will cause untold misery to those already suffering from unemployment and its resulting effect on health, morale and family life. These unfortunate cuts amount to approximately \$19,000,000 less than the very rock-bottom requests of eight social service departments—and they ought to be restored. (A more detailed statement of our position and proposals appears elsewhere in this issue.)

The financial limitations of the city are, of course, a real handicap, thanks to Republican-Tammany domination of the legislature. But this is no reason why hospital service, departments of health, child welfare, etc., should take the rap. The Mayor has a well-founded record as a fighter for the people of New York—and should he take the fight now to Albany demanding increased state aid and more city taxing power, he will have the backing of the people.

### The Lynchers Are Not Delaying

If Congress were moving along in accordance with the wishes of the American people, certainly Rep. Gavagan would not be having such a hard time getting his anti-lynching bill to the House floor for action. For there is scarcely another measure which has such undivided support from every fair-minded person.

Yet, this bill remains bottled up in the House Rules Committee by the Republicans and anti-New Deal Democrats. To date, Rep. Gavagan has obtained only 82 of the 218 signatures from House members necessary to bring the bill to the floor by petition, and it seems like yanking out eye-teeth to get the rest. In view of the talk about adjournment, it's pretty clear that the strategy of the racists is to delay and prevent passage of the measure, even by the House.

But while the anti-lynching bill is being delayed, the lynchers are not delaying. Their special terror against the Negro people was extended to lynch Miles Brown, a white man in Florida the other day. Two Negroes were flogged within an inch of their lives in Goldsboro, N. C., a few weeks ago, and four lynchings of Negroes have taken place this year. Congress could take action against these terrible things now.

Why doesn't the House pass a resolution to investigate these un-American outrages? If it can adopt resolutions for witch-hunting into WPA and for smearing labor and the New Deal, why can't it pass a necessary one for inquiring into violations of the constitutional rights of the Negro and other Americans?

Meantime, Congressmen should be deluged with letters demanding that they sign the petition to bring the Wagner-Gavagan anti-lynching bill to the House floor—for passage.

### The Publishers Put It Over

The American Newspaper Publishers' Association can be mighty proud of itself. And its members are undoubtedly falling over one another in their haste to slap each other on the back.

For the ANPA has prevailed upon the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor to exempt newsboys under 16 from the protection of the Wages-Hours Law.

It is to be deeply regretted that the Children's Bureau gave in to these wealthy and powerful publishers. Meanwhile, the next time you read an editorial in the Tory press attacking the New Deal and calling for "freedom of the individual," give a thought to the newsmen.

As far as the big publishers are concerned, "freedom" now means the right to exploit children.

### Sam Johnson, Of Gilmer, Texas

The story of Sam Johnson of Gilmer, Texas, puts to shame Vice-President Garner—of the same state—and the rest of the "economy" bloc which has slashed the WPA appropriation.

Johnson was dismissed from his WPA project with the excuse that his health was not good enough for manual labor. Even though he obtained a doctor's certificate testifying to his health, he could not win reinstatement. But so determined was Johnson, that he announced that he was going to work any way to demonstrate his fitness. The county officials then actually went so far as to get out an injunction to prevent Johnson from working on any project.

As President Lasser of the Workers Alliance has said, the case of Johnson typifies the millions of unemployed off and on WPA, who "believe they have a right to work."

Of course, the hundreds of thousands of WPA workers now threatened with dismissals, will have to fight for their jobs—not in Sam Johnson's way—but in organized fashion under the leadership of the Workers Alliance and the trade union movement.

### Venom in Vocabulary

The art of Wall Street journalism has reached a high stage recently. Poison is cleverly concealed in what appears to be unbiased news reporting.

The reader will read, for example, "Mr. So-and-so was ACCUSED of being a Communist." The press never says Mr. So-and-so IS a Communist. It uses the word "accuse" to implant in the reader's mind the idea that there is something wrong, even criminal, in being a Communist.

A Washington correspondent for the Tory press will write—"There was a debate about the LARGE government deficit." How does he know it is "large"? By what standards does he measure it? This is another example of smuggling in the propaganda of reaction behind "unbiased" reporting.

There are hundreds of such tricks with headings, pictures, phrases, placing of news in certain corners of the page, etc., etc.

The alert reader will find these for himself the better to shake off their poisonous influence. The more the Wall Street press pretends to be "impartial," the greater is the dose of poison it is subtly dishing out.

### UNDER THE SEARCHLIGHT

by Ellis



### The Basis for a Real Peace Policy

All men are judged today by one outstanding fact—their stand on America's foreign policy. Everything else, of necessity, becomes secondary.

The peaceful people of America have not chosen this situation; the steady aggressions of the fascist war powers have thrust it upon them. This is not the time to mince words. Any man who watches what the Berlin-Rome-Tokio axis is doing to world peace in Europe, South America and the Far East, and then has the gall to tell America that "this is none of our business" is either wilfully blind, or deliberately deceiving the American people to the dangers which advance upon them.

In this situation, the American people can easily choose between the position of President Roosevelt and the gang of detractors, propagandists, Tories, Hitlerites and dupes now trying to paralyze American democracy from within.

There can be no doubt where the choice of America lies. The day has passed when American democracy can bury its head in the sand and hope that the fascist war machine will pass it by.

In his inter-continental message to the Pan-American Union yesterday, President Roosevelt repeated once again the plain, common-sense truths of the world struggle for peace. The day of American isolation is dead beyond recall—"Beyond question, within a few scant years air fleets will cross the ocean as easily as today they cross the European seas. Economic functioning of the world becomes increasingly a unit; no interruption of it anywhere can fail, in the future, to disrupt economic life everywhere."

Is there a sane man who can challenge these words?

And yet, in the halls of the U.S. Senate reactionary, deceitful voices ring out against their plain meaning. Tory Senators like George, Reynolds and Bridges wring their hands at every effort of America to halt the

dreadful war fires which approach closer every day to our shores. Whatever Hitler's obscene Minister of Propaganda, Goebbels, writes one day against America's foreign policy is repeated the next day by Tory isolationists on the floor of the United States Senate.

Even more alarming, Senator Reynolds and Congressman Fish, encouraged by the Hoover forces and the Hearst press, are ready to deliver the Philippine Islands to the advancing Japanese war machine. In whose interest do these Roosevelt-haters speak when they shriek so frantically in defense of the Hitler war bandits? Certainly not in the interests of this country and its national defense!

The Coughlin gang is rearing its head; new "demonstrations" are being organized against the President's foreign policy by the "Paul Reveres, Inc." pro-Hitler, pro-fascist conspirators against America's democratic progress.

How strange it is that these sinister forces should prate about "defending America only in case of actual invasion" while they do everything in their power to hasten such armed attack by turning the East and West over to Hitler-Japanese conquest! Could their secret love of Hitlerism, their contempt for America's democratic safety be more plainly exposed?

"Our will to peace," declared the President, "will have its voice in determining the order of world affairs."

America's youth is indeed too precious to be exposed to the wanton ravages of Hitlerite conquests. America must act to preserve peace, and prevent another world horror.

We believe that America's safety requires economic sanctions against aggressor nations, and collaboration with all powers ready to balk aggression and preserve peace. This is the test for a genuine American peace policy today.

### World Front

By  
HARRY GANNES

The New York Times Shields Chamberlain from Exposure Of His Dodging Tactics

An example of flavoring the news here in the service of Chamberlain with regard to the growing popular demand in Great Britain for acceptance of the Soviet Union's collective security proposals, is the New York Times' Friday edition.

This was the day after Chamberlain had made his lukewarm House of Commons speech about helping to protect Greece and Rumania. The most sensational feature of the ensuing parliamentary debates was the sharp criticism of the Tory Prime Minister for omitting what was closest to the heart of the peace-loving people of the world—the progress of negotiations with the Soviet Union.

In its early midnight edition the Times printed some opposition addresses. But in its later editions the Times blueprinted the most salient and telling portions of the speeches of Clement R. Attlee, leader of the Labor opposition; Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Liberal opposition, and Winston Churchill, independent Conservative leader.

While slashing the demand for collaboration with the U. S. S. R. from remarks of the opposition to Chamberlain, the Times added quotations from the Clivedenites in a way to make it appear that these Munichites are the initiators of conversations with the Soviet Union.

Out of Attlee's criticism of Chamberlain's speech the Times deleted these paragraphs in its later editions: "We have accepted so many obligations that we are getting into what may be said to be the dangers of the covenant without its advantages."

"I AM SORRY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MADE NO REFERENCE TO HIS POSITION ON THE SOVIET UNION. IF WE ARE TO BUILD UP A LEAGUE OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY THERE MUST BE UNITY BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND THE SOVIET UNION. (Emphasis ours—H. G.)

The most vital matter is the moral issue. A firm stand against aggression will not be obtained if we are thinking all the time of individual interest. We must rally all the people of the world who believe in freedom, liberty and peace.

The government is still speaking with two voices. I want a government that will speak with one voice. I do not feel that we are getting the lead we ought to receive from the government."

From Sir Archibald Sinclair's remarks, the Times sliced out the following concluding, most important, words:

"RUSSIA HAS MADE ITS PROPOSALS. IT IS TIME NOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT CARRIES IT A STAGE FURTHER AND MAKES PRACTICAL, CONCRETE PROPOSALS. BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE, TO RUSSIA AND TRIES TO GET THEM TO A ROUND TABLE TO MAKE PLANS FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE."

And from Winston Churchill's attack on Chamberlain's pussyfooting, the Times threw out the following:

"A great majority of the House, I believe, supports the government in the policy which it is now adopting—building up a strong alliance of nations to resist further acts of aggression. The essence of such a policy is speed and vigor. If it is not carried through with the utmost speed and vigor, it would be better not to have started upon it at all. This is no time for half measures. There is absolutely no halfway house."

"IF PEACE IS TO BE PRESERVED THERE SEEMS TO BE TWO MAIN STEPS WHICH I TRUST ARE ALREADY BEING OR WILL BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY. FIRST, OF COURSE, IS THE FULL INCLUSION OF SOVIET RUSSIA IN OUR DEFENSIVE PEACE BLOC."

"The second step, which it seems to me important that we should take, is the promotion of unity in the Balkans. Four Balkan States and Turkey are an immense combination."

"The arrangements we have made with Greece, Turkey and Rumania, of course, are only first steps. But these steps, although highly important, beneficial, sound and wise in all the circumstances into which we have come, will not by themselves save the Balkans from another drenching dose of misery and ruin. An arrangement between Rumania and Bulgaria is vital if full harmony of the Balkans is to be secured."

Is this accidental or mechanical editorial cutting? Only fools could think so. The fact that opposition reference to the most significant proposals of the Soviet Union for collective action in each case suffer from the editorial mangling of the New York Times, speaks volumes.

Why is the Times so anxious to defend Mr. Chamberlain from the keenest critics of Chamberlain's Munich plotting?

When he was interrupted with questions about the Soviet Union, Chamberlain reverted to his old device of asserting that conversations with the U. S. S. R. were of that nature.

Whether he likes it or not, the Tory Premier will not be able to ditch these talks leading to collective security which the British people insist on.

Nor will the New York Times by eliminating these primary questions from their news columns erase them from the realities of the world political situation.

such locals, and with the aid of certain coal companies.

They made exactly three attempts to hold mass meetings in the state. One in Eshadale and two in Logan County. All three meetings failed, because the miners are loyal to the United Mine Workers and realistic enough to see the disruptive role of the Progressive Miners' elements. The miners see that the least weakening of their strongly united organization would be a signal for an attack by the coal operators.

How in the name of decency can the Progressive Miners of America claim members in West Virginia, when it is only from airplanes that they dare to distribute literature? And that is done quite regularly.

They have an office in Charleston, but it is always empty. The local unions in the A. F. of L. resent them, realizing their strike-breaking role. This resentment is developing into organizational action quite rapidly. You hear pronouncements of "we have nothing in common with them."

The State Federation of Labor, at their last convention, voted to hold their 1939 convention in Morgantown. The people in that community made it clear that they welcome the delegates to this convention, but no Progressive Miners' "delegates" should come. For this reason the state convention has been cancelled for Morgantown. No other place has yet been selected.

JOHN LAUTNER.

State Org. C. P. W. Virginia.

### Letters From Our Readers

#### Suggests Articles on National Groups in U.S.A.—

Editor, Daily Worker: Glendale, Pa.

The Educational Committee of our Party Branch (Carnegie District), in discussing its work and the utilization of the Sunday Worker in that work, suggests a series of articles on the different national groups in the United States to be run in the Progressive Weekly.

Such a series of articles would certainly contribute to the anti-fascist fight and help nullify the propaganda of fascism that it is interested in freeing the various national minorities of the different countries.

Such propaganda has caught on here, and our Branch has found definite expressions of it in the language movement in Carnegie.

One of our first methods to combat this spread of fascist ideology was to bring the Sunday Worker to these organizations. Certainly the value of the Sunday Worker, both politically and organizationally, could be considerably enhanced if we could look forward from week to week to an article about national groups in the United States.

Such a series of articles along the line of the contributions of this or that group to the cultural, economic, social, scientific and political life of our country would certainly help make the Sunday Worker an even better paper than it now is—which is saying something.

HERBERT NUSSER,  
Chairman Carnegie Branch.

#### 'A Master Dissertation'—



# Short and Snappy Pre-Season Sizing Up of the Baseball Contenders

(This is the last of a series of thumbnail sketches of the major league teams. Tomorrow, Lester Rodney predicts the order of finish.)

## WASHINGTON SENATORS

A strange collection of talent that can hit, if nothing else. Included on the club are three Cubans and a Venezuelan.

CHANGES—Jimmy Hasdell at first; Roberto Estalella, from Charlotte, N. C., left field; Roberto Ortiz, Rene Monteguado, Alex Alexander, Joe Haynes, Walter Masterson, added to pitching staff; Jake Early, from Charlotte, now No. 2 catcher.

PROBABLE LINE-UP—R. Ferrell, Early, Giuliani, O; Waadel, 1B; Myer, 2B; Travis, SS; Lewis, 3B; Estalella, LF; Case, CF; Wright, RF. Pitchers—Krakauskas, Chase, Appleton, Deshong, Kelley, Leonard, Monteguado, Ortiz, Masterson, Haynes, Alexander. Reserves—Infield: Radcliff, Stelnbacher, Thompson.

BEST NEWCOMERS—Estalella, Masterson, Early.

BEST HITTERS—Travis, Wright, Myer, Lewis.

WEAK SPOTS—Uncertain pitching staff; lack of extra base power; and inexperience of outfield.

STRONG POINTS—Good hitting club; speed; and drive of youth.

BETTING ODDS—10-1 (Fifth).

POSITION LAST YEAR—Fifth; won 75; lost 76; Pct. .497.

## CHICAGO WHITE SOX

Injury jinx continues to hover over White Sox. Loss of Monty Stratton through hunting accident deprives them of a star pitcher.

CHANGES—Eric McNair, from Red Sox, at second; Art Herring and Vic Fraser, from St. Paul, added to pitching staff; Ken Sylvestri, new catcher from St. Paul.

PROBABLE LINE-UP—Sylvestri, Tresh, Rensa, C; Kuhel, 1B; McNair, 2B; Appling, SS; Owen, 3B; G. Walker, LF; Rosenthal, CF; Kreevich, RF. Pitchers—Lee, Whitehead, Rigney, Lyons, Knott, Brown, Dierich, Herring, Fraser. Reserves—Infield: Hayes, Bejma. Outfield: Radcliff, Stelnbacher, Thompson.

BEST NEWCOMERS—Herring, Fraser, Sylvestri.

BEST HITTERS—Steinbacher, Appling, G. Walker.

WEAK SPOTS—Lack of pitching; inexperienced catching.

STRONG POINTS—Well-balanced hitting club; good defensive infield and outfield.

BETTING ODDS—30-1 (Sixth).

POSITION LAST YEAR—Sixth; won 65; lost 83; Pct. .439.

## ST. LOUIS BROWNS

Any major league club that never won a pennant continues rebuilding program. Slight progress seems to have been made except in pitching staff.

CHANGES—Myrl Hoag, from Yankees, to left field; John Berardino, San Antonio, second; Hal Spindel, Sacramento, and Joe Glenn, Yankees, new catchers; Bill Trotter, Harry Klimberlin, Jack Kramer, Berardino, 2B; Kress, SS; Clift, 3B; Hoag, LF; Almada, CF; Bell, RF; Pitchers—Newson, Mills, Van Atta, Walkup, Cole, Cox, Johnson, Klimberlin, Marcus, Trotter, Kramer. Reserves—Infield: Heftner, Gryska, Hughes. Outfield: Grace, Silber.

BEST NEWCOMERS—Spindel, Berardino.

BEST HITTERS—McQuinn, Almada, Kress.

WEAK SPOTS—Woeful pitching outside of Newson; lack of all-around class.

STRONG POINTS—Good at first and third; offensively and defensively; improved catching; a 20-game winner in Newson.

BETTING ODDS—50-1 (Seventh).

POSITION LAST YEAR—Seventh; won 55; lost 97; Pct. .342.

## PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS

Still building for the future and have a long way to go. "I expect improvement from some of our boys and I'm still hoping," says manager Connie Mack.

CHANGES—Dee Miles, from Chattanooga, to center field; Bill Nagel, Little Rock, third base; Roy Parmalee, from Minneapolis, Henry Pippen, Sacramento and Bob Joyce, Oakland, added to pitching staff.

PROBABLE LINE-UP—Brucker, Hayes, C; Siebert, 1B; Ambler, 2B; Newsome, SS; Nagel, 3B; Johnson, LF; Miles, CF; Moses, RF; Pitchers—Caster, Dean, Nelson, Parmalee, Pippen, Potter, Ross, Joyce, E. Smith, D. Smith, Thomas Reninger. Reserves—Infield: Gauntelben, Outfield: Chapman, Finney.

BEST NEWCOMERS—Nagel, Miles, Joyce.

WEAK SPOTS—Lack of all-around hitting; pitching undeveloped; defense unsound.

STRONG POINTS—You name 'em.

BETTING ODDS—100-1 (Eighth).

POSITION LAST YEAR—Eighth; won 53; lost 99; Pct. .349.

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## CHICAGO WHITE SOX

Injury jinx continues to hover over White Sox. Loss of Monty Stratton through hunting accident deprives them of a star pitcher.

CHANGES—Eric McNair, from Red Sox, at second; Art Herring and Vic Fraser, from St. Paul, added to pitching staff; Ken Sylvestri, new catcher from St. Paul.

PROBABLE LINE-UP—Sylvestri, Tresh, Rensa, C; Kuhel, 1B; McNair, 2B; Appling, SS; Owen, 3B; G. Walker, LF; Rosenthal, CF; Kreevich, RF. Pitchers—Lee, Whitehead, Rigney, Lyons, Knott, Brown, Dierich, Herring, Fraser. Reserves—Infield: Hayes, Bejma. Outfield: Radcliff, Stelnbacher, Thompson.

BEST NEWCOMERS—Herring, Fraser, Sylvestri.

BEST HITTERS—Steinbacher, Appling, G. Walker.

WEAK SPOTS—Lack of pitching; inexperienced catching.

STRONG POINTS—Well-balanced hitting club; good defensive infield and outfield.

BETTING ODDS—30-1 (Sixth).

POSITION LAST YEAR—Sixth; won 65; lost 83; Pct. .439.

## ST. LOUIS BROWNS

Any major league club that never won a pennant continues rebuilding program. Slight progress seems to have been made except in pitching staff.

CHANGES—Myrl Hoag, from Yankees, to left field; John Berardino, San Antonio, second; Hal Spindel, Sacramento, and Joe Glenn, Yankees, new catchers; Bill Trotter, Harry Klimberlin, Jack Kramer, Berardino, 2B; Kress, SS; Clift, 3B; Hoag, LF; Almada, CF; Bell, RF; Pitchers—Newson, Mills, Van Atta, Walkup, Cole, Cox, Johnson, Klimberlin, Marcus, Trotter, Kramer. Reserves—Infield: Heftner, Gryska, Hughes. Outfield: Grace, Silber.

BEST NEWCOMERS—Spindel, Berardino.

BEST HITTERS—McQuinn, Almada, Kress.

WEAK SPOTS—Woeful pitching outside of Newson; lack of all-around class.

STRONG POINTS—Good at first and third; offensively and defensively; improved catching; a 20-game winner in Newson.

BETTING ODDS—50-1 (Seventh).

POSITION LAST YEAR—Seventh; won 55; lost 97; Pct. .342.

## PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS

Still building for the future and have a long way to go. "I expect improvement from some of our boys and I'm still hoping," says manager Connie Mack.

CHANGES—Dee Miles, from Chattanooga, to center field; Bill Nagel, Little Rock, third base; Roy Parmalee, from Minneapolis, Henry Pippen, Sacramento and Bob Joyce, Oakland, added to pitching staff.

PROBABLE LINE-UP—Brucker, Hayes, C; Siebert, 1B; Ambler, 2B; Newsome, SS; Nagel, 3B; Johnson, LF; Miles, CF; Moses, RF; Pitchers—Caster, Dean, Nelson, Parmalee, Pippen, Potter, Ross, Joyce, E. Smith, D. Smith, Thomas Reninger. Reserves—Infield: Gauntelben, Outfield: Chapman, Finney.

BEST NEWCOMERS—Nagel, Miles, Joyce.

WEAK SPOTS—Lack of all-around hitting; pitching undeveloped; defense unsound.

STRONG POINTS—You name 'em.

BETTING ODDS—100-1 (Eighth).

POSITION LAST YEAR—Eighth; won 53; lost 99; Pct. .349.

# DAILY WORKER SPORTS

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1939

## New Model Giants Make Home Debut Against Indians Today

*'Fire When Ready' Says Danning*

Polo Grounds Fans to See Many Changes In Team  
Patterned More for Power Than Defense  
—Seen As Team to Beat in NL Race

The team to beat in the National League flag race storms into town today.

Yep, it's the Giants. Fans who hop up to the Polo Grounds today will grab a pre-game look at the revamped Terrymen as they go into the final exhibition series with the Cleveland Indians before the big opening with the hated Dodgers at Ebbets Field Tuesday.

Zeke Bonura heads the new faces list. The colorful first-baseman is a power-hitter, figures to dump plenty of homers into the left field stands. Then there's Burgess Whitehead, out all last year with a nervous breakdown, who has been fielding his second base with all his old-time zip. Billy Jurges should make a hit with the fans who'll remember his many sparkling performances with the Cubs. Billy will make a fine double-play combine with Whitehead. Young Manny Salvo is one of the many rookie pitching finds of the year and he'll get his chance in a starting spot. Outfielder Frank Demarce and second-string catcher Ken O'Dea, obtained from the Cubs with Jurges, are the other new Giants and have shown plenty of class.

Of the vets, it's still home-run king Mel Ott and great Joe Moore in the outfield. Catcher Hank Schumacher for 16 runs in five innings and then hung on to the New York Giants, 11-9 today. Jeff Heath, Ernie Pytak, Julius Solters, Ken Kelner and Jim Shilling homered for the tribe. Zeke Bonura and Bob Seeds hit for the circuit for the Giants.

**ALONG FISTIC ROW**

Henry Armstrong was accorded the greatest applause ever given any boxer in England when he was introduced at the Barr-Burnman squabble, which saw Tommy in his first win in 2 years, in London Thursday. Roscoe Toler, fast-coming Negro heavy, and Bob Pastor signed yesterday for a bout in Detroit May 12. Jack Roper has given up developing a right-hand sock for his meeting with Joe Louis Monday in Los Angeles. Jack is going to stick to his no-left-left and pray. Buster Carroll, New England's belting welter, is back in town and hopes to make things miserable for fast-punching Maxie Berger in the feature 8-rounders at Broadway Arena Tuesday night.

Speedy George Myatt, who came up late last fall, is taking over the third-base post and slugging Bob Seeds, a midseason arrival in '38, is to steal the center field post from Demarce.

So take a look-see at the team the flag winner will have to beat.

**TODAY'S EVENTS**

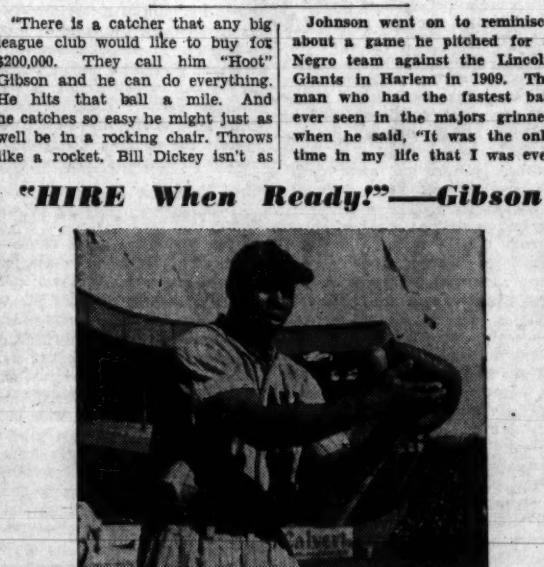
**BASEBALL**  
DODGERS vs. YANKEES, exhibition game at Polo Field, Bedford Ave. and Sullivan St., Brooklyn, 2:30 P.M.  
GIANTS vs. CLEVELAND INDIANS, exhibition game at Polo Grounds, 15th St. and 8th Ave., 4:30 P.M.  
COLUMBIA vs. HARVARD at Baker Field, Broadway and 218th St., 2:30 P.M.  
NYU vs. BROOKLYN COLLEGE at Ohio Field, University Avenue and 181st St., Bronx, 4:30 P.M.  
LIU vs. St. Peter's at Erasmus Field, McDonald Ave. and Avenue M, Brooklyn, 3-3 P.M.

**FENCING**  
Women's Intercollegiate Tournament at Brooklyn College gym, Bedford Ave. and Avenue M, Brooklyn—9:30 A.M., 3 P.M. and 8 P.M.

**TRACK**  
NYU vs. Rutgers at Ohio Field—2:30 P.M.

**WRESTLING**  
Broadway Arena, Halley St. near Broadway, Brooklyn—8:30 P.M.

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## DODGERS TIE YANKS, 8-8, IN HOME OPENER

10,000 Fans See Improved Brooklynites Overcome Five Run Handicap, Lead Till Two Out In 9th—Sington, Dickey Sock Three Run Homers

By Lester Rodney

The Brooklyn Dodgers just did miss making it five in a row over the World's Champion Yankees in their home debut at Ebbets Field yesterday as darkness halted an 8-8 tie, but some 10,000 Flatbush fans left well satisfied that the team was as much improved as reports from the Southland had indicated.

They saw the home boys bounce back undismayed after a crushing five-run attack on Whit Wyatt by the Yanks in the first—back to slug Lefty Gomez and Wes Ferrell, take an 8-6 lead and hold it until two out in the ninth inning. They saw a terrific three run home by Fred Sington—some lusty wallop by Gene Moore, Goody Rosen and Pete Coscarat. They saw Wyatt survive the champs' opening blast to overpower them until the seventh in a way that indicated he would win in the National League. They saw the last potato Luke Hamlin, going the last three innings as a final warm-up before facing the Giants in Tuesday's opener, mow down 5 Yankees on strikes and yield the two tying runs only after a horrible error by catcher Hayworth on a pop.

Let no one tell you that the Yankees weren't grimly levelling to win this one. They haven't been kicked around this way for four in a row even in exhibitions for years, and don't like it. They caught Wyatt before he could get warm in the windy, sunless afternoon and started like the Murderer's of old. A walk by Coscarat, single by Henrich, who hit four during the long afternoon, error by Durocher and three-run homer over the scoreboard by Bill Dickey rang up five before the customers were seated. Here was the test of new Brooklyn power and spirit, and they responded nobly.

Rosen walked and Coscarat lined one to right for a hit. Gene Moore got a great hand from the crowd for his three homers of the day before and dropped the first pitch in center, filling the sacks. After Coscarat fanned, Gomez walked Sington and Lavagetto to force two runs, and a third came over after Durocher's demise when Hayworth likewise wangled El Goofy for free transportation.

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